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BB Z10 HITS THE MARKET

A man walks by an advertisement for the new BlackBerry Z10 in Montreal. Canadians had their first chance to get their hands on BlackBerry's long-delayed new smartphone nationwide on Tuesday. Story, page 8. Graham Hugges/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Too tall a plan?

Progress. Little Italy development proposal goes to council in March

Residents got a chance to comment on a development plan for the Preston and Carling area at a public-information session Tuesday night, and many thought the proposed future looks a little too tall.

The plan, put together by urban design consultant George Dark, allows more generous building-height limits that some residents said threaten the neighbourhood's character.

"Generally, I agree that it's a good area where we should have high-density housing, but I think that in some instances we're going a bit too high," said Nicole Bryan, who lives in the neighbourhood. "I think 40 storeys is a bit unusual for this area."

She was also concerned that a February deadline for public input on the plan, which the city put online in mid-January, might not leave enough time for a thorough bearing.

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"I think it's great to have

an actual formal opportunity to provide feedback and have a little bit of an overview," she said. "I'm not 100 per cent sure that we've been given enough time to comment."

Katherine Steinhoff also had misgivings about the process.

"I feel like I'm being handled," said the Hickory Street resident, who thinks the design is too car-oriented.

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"It's all about cars," she said. "We need to focus on pedestrians and bikes a bit more, and they talk about doing that, but they're still really focused on cars. Other cities make it work. I'm not sure why we can't."

City policy development and urban design manager Lee Ann Snedden led the information session.

"What I'm hearing is we want to make sure we keep in mind the cultural impact with this particular area," she said. "This is Little Italy, so I'm hearing from the community we want to protect that."

City staff will present their

City staff will present their recommendations on the plan to the city's planning committee March 26.

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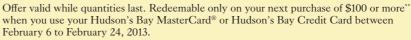
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Possible cause

Cheshire Cat Pub fire electrical?

Electrical failure may have caused the fire that destroyed the popular Cheshire Cat Pub in Carp.

Ottawa Fire Services said the official cause of the fire was not determined, but is consistent with that of an electrical fire in the northeast area of the bar.

The pub burned down on Jan. 28. Owner Dustin Therrien has said they intend to rebuild. METRO

Court

Off-duty Ottawa police officer charged with impaired driving

An Ottawa cop has been charged with impaired

driving.
Const. Luc Durocher of
the Ottawa Police Service
was arrested by the Niagara
Regional Police on Jan.
25 for driving under the
influence. He was off-duty
at the time.

Durocher is scheduled to appear in a St. Catharines courthouse on Feb. 22. He has been reassigned to administrative duties. METRO

Rescue

Firefighters free trapped passenger

Firefighters were forced to remove the front and rear passenger doors to free a woman trapped in a car after a single-vehicle collision on Catherine Street Tuesday.

Ottawa Fire Services were called to the parking lot at 141 Catherine Street at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The driver of the vehicle was not trapped, but heavy hydraulic rescue tools were required to free the passenger. METRO

Ottawa councillors get raise, deputy mayors get new staffer

The city's finance and economic development committee Tuesday approved annual cost-of-living increases for councillors, ending a three-year pay freeze.

Mayor Jim Watson, who chairs the committee and campaigned on freezing council salaries, said councillors deserved the raise, but he won't take it himself.

"I think I'm compensated well enough, and I do support the increase for the councillors," he said.

"It's modest after a threeyear freeze."

The increase would be equal to those given to city managers, who last year received a 1.5 per cent pay bump.

Approved changes also provide severance pay for councillors who retire, a perk previously only available to those who run for re-election and lose. Councillors who go back to businesses they

worked for before election, or who quit to take another elected or appointed political office, would not qualify.

Other recommendations included shuffling some committee chairs and members, putting the Cumberland and Nepean museums under direct city management, and hiring a full-time scheduling assistant to help the city's two deputy mayors cover for Mayor Watson at some of nearly 4.800 events to which

he's invited annually.

Staff said the position's \$75,000 annual cost, including a \$52,000 salary, would be covered by cuts already made to the mayor's office budget and conference spending.

"Each committee chair receives a half-person of support to help with their work as committee chairs and I think it's appropriate that the same be given to the two deputy mayors," Watson said.

New school aims to improve Inuit education

Amaujq National Centre for Inuit Education. Ottawabased group tasked with implementing recommendations of national strategy to reform Inuit learning



GRAHAM LANKTREE graham.lanktree@

Inuit education is about to undergo a sea of change, including the standardization of Inuktitut writing, as the group tackling the challenge opened its home base in Ottawa Tuesday.

day.

"Standardization of the Inuit writing system is not as easy as it sounds," said national Inuit leader Terry Audla, president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, which represents Canada's four Inuit regions. "In communities impacted by the resource boom, there are shortages of qualified workers. Too many young people are not graduating. We know that we have to educate our way to prosperity."

Audla spoke at the opening of the Amaujq National Centre for Inuit Education, a new Ottawa-based group tasked with putting to practice a list of 10 recommendations to improve Inuit education drawn up in 2008 under the National Strategy on Inuit Education.

egy on Inuit Education.
Standardizing the language is just one of the four top priorities of the group, said Mary Simon, chairperson of the National Committee on Inuit Education, noting that focusing on early childhood education, getting parents involved and bringing together Inuit researchers are also high on the list.

In the coming months, the group's members will begin community tours through the north aimed at getting parents engaged in educating their kids.

The group will also soon finalize a suite of online teaching tools that will be available to every child-care centre north of the 60 parallel.

"Canada's economic prosperity over the next 20 years depends on unlocking the great resource wealth of Canada's north," said Terry Audla. "The Inuit want to be and should be part of that economic prosperity."



National Inuit leader Terry Audia, president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, said that 10 recommendations for improved education in the north will drive Inuit leaders for years to come Change Lawrence Company of the Comp



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Treatment. Too many mentally ill youth sent to U.S., say PCs

Ontario should not have to spend millions of dollars each year to send children and teens to the United States for treatment of mental-health issues, the Progressive Conservatives said Tuesday.

The province doesn't have the capacity to treat all the young people who have mentalhealth illnesses, so patients can wait up to two years for care in some cases, said deputy PC leader Christine Elliott at the Youthdale Treatment Centre.

The Ministry of Health pays up to \$80,000 to send a mentally ill youth out of the country to get the care they need, said Elliott.

"We believe that we could provide those services closer to home, and at a far lesser cost," Elliott said.

Part of the problem, said Elliott, is there's no coherent system for mental illnesses, with services in Ontario scattered over 10 ministries, 440 children's mental-health agen-



cies, 330 community agencies and 150 addiction treatment

Health Minister Deb Matthews said the government has been creating more capacity for residential treatment for mental illnesses, and reduced the number of patients being sent to the U.S. from 100 in 2007-08 to 78 in 2011-12, cutting costs of the out-of-country care program to \$5 million from \$10 million.

Startups. Fledgling tech firms taking a swing at The Pitch

The next tech superstar to join the likes of Shopify and BlackBerry in Ottawa may get a leg up from The Pitch, a new monthly event where startups float their business plans to a panel of the city's top investors.

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Three companies will each be given a six-minute shot to impress, said Simon Gwatkin, organizer of The Pitch and vice-president of the Wesley Clover Foundation. The event is open to the public, he said, as part of the popular monthly Tech Tuesdays networking meetups started last March at the Marshes Golf Club.

Each company taking part has to be from within a 25-mile radius of the city, said Gwatkin. Pitches will be judged by the likes of Kevin Carroll, Invest Ottawa's head of innovation, Ron Warburton, managing partner of the BDC Venture Capital IT Fund and venture capitalist IT guru Leo Lax.

"When you're doing a pitch,

Quoted

"The last two years have been difficult for startups. Anything that helps local business is a good thing."

Simon Gwatkin, organizer of The Pitch

feedback is invaluable," said Gwatkin, noting that there is no guarantee of a financial takeaway from sharing an idea with the group. "The panellists will deliberate and see who has done the best pitch and I've arranged for them to get a plaque."

The aim is to get companies that are three years old or less in front of the panel, which will rotate month-to-month, during a crucial time in their development as they reach out to angel investors.

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO



Firefighters douse the St. Albert cheese factory Sunday afternoon after a blaze ravaged the building just before 10 a.m. The province is recommending that residents in the township of St. Albert refrain from drinking well water pending the test results. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Water warning issued after cheese-factory fire

St. Albert. Water tests will take three to four days, ministry says



Residents of the township of St. Albert are being warned not to take showers or drink water from their taps for fear that chemicals from a fire that decimated the historic St. Albert cheese factory on Sunday have leaked into nearby wells.

The move is a precautionary measure, said Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health for the province's Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

"The reason is that millions of gallons of water poured onto the fire and the water was contaminated in the process," he said. "Most of the people living here drink from private wells.

If you contaminate that bed of water, potentially the water coming into the homes will be contaminated as well."

The province has issued the warning not to drink the water because unlike bacteria, chemicals cannot be boiled out of the water.

Water samples sent off to the Ministry of Environment to be tested for multiple chemicals won't be back for three or four days, Roumeliotis added. In the meantime, residents in the township 45 minutes east of Ottawa are having water delivered to them and public showers have been set up.

"We're going to individual homes and giving out water, going to schools and giving out water," he said.

Benzene, charcoal and other known carcinogens could be some of the worst chemicals in the water, Roumeliotis said after emerging from an emergency meeting with the mayor and other public officials.

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Canadian believed to be behind Bulgarian bus bombing: Baird

Dual citizen. Suspect in July attack lived in Lebanon but entered with Canadian passport

A Canadian "dual national" living in Lebanon is believed to be involved in the deadly bus bombing in Bulgaria last July, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird confirmed Tuesday.

But key questions remained unanswered as Canada coped with the second allegation by a foreign government in recent weeks that Canadians took part in terrorist attacks abroad.

"This is not a resident of Canada. It's a dual national who I am told resides in Lebanon," Baird told a news conference on Parliament Hill

"I couldn't even tell you the last time this person was in Canada," he said, adding that the suspect is at large.

The figure entered Bulgaria



with a Canadian passport and is believed to be linked to Hezbollah, the Shiite militant group and political party.

The attack killed five Israelis and their Bulgarian driver.

Tuesday's disclosure comes as the federal government has yet to corroborate a claim by Algeria that at least one Canadian took part in a deadly attack on a Saharan gas plant last month.

"We've had a more robust engagement with Bulgaria, and they provided more information," said Baird. "The situation in Algeria is just completely different. We don't even have a name"

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They got their answer

British lawmakers on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly in favour of a bill to legalize same-sex marriage championed by Prime Minister David Cameron, despite strong opposition from within his Conservative Party. The bill must still pass a vote in the House of Lords. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

Provincial partners

Sask. premier calls Que. a 'distraction' on health council

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says it's not surprising that Quebec has pulled out of a national health-care committee set up by the provinces.

"Quebec has been more of a distraction at this table than a constructive partner," Wall, co-chair of the committee, said Tuesday in an email to The Canadian Press. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Terrorism

U.S. freer than thought to kill citizens abroad

An unclassified memo reveals that the Obama administration has had more lenient rules than publicly known for when drones can be launched to kill U.S. citizens working abroad with terrorists.

The government does not need evidence that a specific attack is imminent, only that the suspect is involved in plotting.



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DeShawn, Dylan, Dragan. Google is racially profiling us by our names: Study

A Harvard University study has found that there is "significant discrimination" in the way advertisements are placed in Google searches depending on whether a person's name is believed to be white or black.

Names such as DeShawn, Darnell and Jermaine generated ads suggestive of an arrest in 81 to 86 per cent of name searches on one website and 92 to 95 per cent on the other, the study found. The two websites studied were Google.com and Reuters.com.

A black-identifying name was 25 per cent more likely to get an advertisement prompting viewers to search for their criminal record, according to study author Prof. Latanya

Angels After Dark

B.C. teen says escort agency targeted her BFFs

An escort agency in Kamloops, B.C., is under fire over allegations it was recruiting teenage girls on Facebook.

A 17-year-old girl says she

Googling the author

A search for Latanya Sweeney the study's author, yielded ads suggestive of arrests.

 "I don't have an arrest record, which made this so interesting," Sweeney, who is black, said.

Sweeney. Meanwhile, those names that were found to be linked to white people, such as Geoffrey, Jill and Emma generated more neutral copy.

"AdWords does not conduct any racial profiling," a Google spokesperson said in response. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

and several of her friends were contacted by Angels After Dark, which boasts the hottest escorts in Kamloops.

The girl says when her friends responded, the agency asked if they were underage. When they said yes, the agency asked if they had any legally aged friends who wanted to make up to \$500 a day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Why did she unfriend me? Was it all the baby photos?

Facebook foes.

Online rejection hits vulnerable users hard, new study says

If you want to trim your list of Facebook contacts, think twice before hitting "unfriend." That person may never forgive you, according to a new academic study.

Around 40 per cent of people would avoid seeing someone in real life that had unfriended them, with a further 10 per cent unsure. A higher ratio of women said they would avoid contact than men. The study also found the likeliest determining factor for a decision to avoid was if the unfriending had been discussed with other people.

"People think social networks are just for fun," said study author Christopher Sibona, a PhD student at the University of Colorado Denver Business School. "But the study makes clear that unfriending is meaningful and has important psychological



consequences for those to whom it occurs."

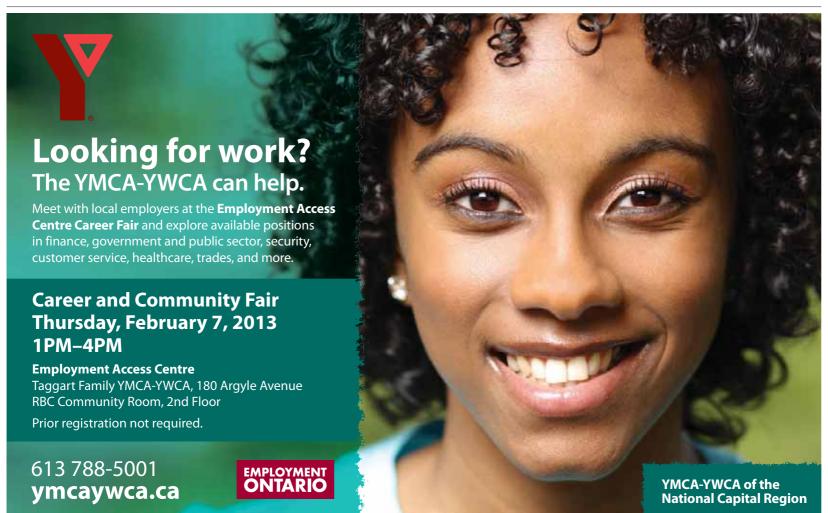
Social networks are especially attractive to narcissists and people with low self-esteem, but they are vulnerable. "Unfriending could damage people with anxiety and confidence issues," Dr. Gregory Webster, psychologist and social media expert of the University of Florida, told Metro.

"These networks can distort reality, particularly if you don't have much of a social life in the real world."

Sibona had also researched the causes of unfriending in a 2010 study. Leading factors were "frequent, unimportant posts," such as on children or family, and controversial posts on politics or religion. But Webster believes unfriending is also for "public presentation and wanting to appear very selective about our social set."

Given the looser ties of virtual friendships, almost every user faces being unfriended at some point. If that is too much to take, Twitter may be a better choice with the milder unfollow less likely to cause trauma

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No fee, no degree: Hidden costs all add up



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Part 2 of a three-part series. Tuition fees just scratch the surface of expenses for postsecondary education in Ontario



Need a lab coat for conducting your chemistry experiments?

How about a locker for your trumpet, having your diploma mailed or, heck, maybe you just want to graduate?

It'll cost you.

Tuition is just the start of bills students face in the halls of learning. Ancillary fees for everything from student clubs to mandatory bus passes are adding to the thousands of dollars it costs just to get a foot in the door.

Ontario post-secondary students are paying an average of \$875 in fees over and beyond tuition, Statistics Canada data for 2012-13 show. Average fees have more than doubled since the early 1990s, despite government policies that banned some fees and were intended to give students more of a voice in determining the added costs

Fees are levied by both university administrations and student councils. Some are good — like those that go toward financial aid, student Q-and-A

Policies 'protect students': **Ministry**

The Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities defended its record on ancillary fees in an email exchange with

student-advocate groups say the government isn't taking action when it receives reports of ancillary fees being instituted in contravention of the fee protocol. Is this an unfair

union buildings and programming. Others are questionable, say some students and groups advocating on their

"The introduction of all these ancillary fees is kind of a back-door way of increasing (tuition)," says Michael Yam, a researcher at the Canadian Federation of Students - On-

The system is "sneaky" and not well regulated at times, but some students who have questioned specific actions have won challenges, Yam

said. Schools say they depend on fees to cover the gap between government funding

accusation?

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities ensures that its policies to protect students are followed by all institutions.. Our ministry has acted quickly to correct for any irregularities that may have resulted from the improper application of ancillary

For example, when student groups brought to our attention that an ancillary fee being charged at two universities was inconsistent with ministry policy, we investigated. This led to corrective measures and the fees were reversed. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

and the actual cost of educating students.

"Universities can't just jack up fees for the sake of bringing more revenue in," said Bonnie Patterson, president of the Council of Ontario Universities. "If they go up, they are reflective of the costs of whatever service is being provided."

Fees, how they're regulated and what they buy vary widely across universities and individual programs. Universities negotiated deals with student governments years ago, spelling out how and when students are to be consulted. Each agreement is different, which affects how things un-



fold at individual universities when increases are proposed.

By the same token, students at some schools may pay extra fees for things that other universities cover on their own or don't even offer.

Rules introduced in the late 1980s and early 1990s prevent universities from collecting fees for things typically covered by tuition, such as testing. Now the province requires that fees cover only things that might be considered frills. These can range

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What do you think of ancillary fees? Are they a cash grab for universities or part of the economic reality of post-secondary education? Have your say at metronews.ca.

Speaking out. Students lobby for new fee protocol

Metro asked Rylan Kinnon, executive director of the On-tario Undergraduate Student Alliance, for the student perspective on ancillary fees. Here's what he said in an email (responses have been edited for

In your opinion, which ancillary fees need reworking?

The first types of ancillary fees that our students have identified as being obviously unfair are graduation fees. Essentially, students who have already paid tuition and other fees to cover the cost of their degree are being asked to pay an additional fee to have their work recognized and be awarded a degree.

Another ancillary fee that we are concerned with is credittransfer fees. These are charged in two ways: for assessment and on a per-credit basis. For example, students hoping to transfer to University of Toronto Mississauga or University of Toronto Scarborough must pay a \$30 assessment fee to get in, which is in addition to the application fees they have paid to the Ontario University Applica-tion Centre to make the transfer in the first place. These fees hinder student mobility and seem excessive when they are in addition to application fees.

Students also have concerns

with the access copyright fee that was announced last year. Particularly, there have been some concerns that students are paying not only for materials that they use but also for academic materials used for research, administration and advocacy. Students should only be charged copyright fees for the materials they use directly. Secondly, some concerns have been noted that some of what the fees cover are unnecessary, as these materials could be obtained in other ways and in some instances through openaccess resources.

What actions are you taking to improve the situation?

We have provided some recommendations to the government on areas where Ontario's ancillary-fee protocol can be clarified to better serve students and ensure that students are consulted on new fees.

We have asked that the government make changes to the ancillary-fee protocol to prohibit the charging of graduation fees

We have also recommended that the ancillary-fee protocol be changed to (make) clear that evaluation is a tuition-related fee and students cannot be expected to pay for it separately. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

Tomorrow

On Thursday, we examine ways for students to save money.

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from class field trips to recreation centres.

In many cases, new fees come into play when professors themselves - or university departments as a whole — decide they want to enhance what's being taught in the classroom, Patterson said. Hands-on learning, for example, often comes with the cost of renting buses and burning gas. Universities simply don't have the money pay for those extras.

"It's true that the student may not know about new fees or increases from one year to the next," Patterson said. But, she added, that's not because administrators are trying to pull a fast one.

"Proposals still go through the university board, typically in March of each year. Often they seem like very small amounts of money, but you spend an inordinate amount of time in discussion."

Fees, in essence, are "cost recovery," she said. "It's not about making a profit."



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Decision day: Consumers finally get their paws on BlackBerry Z10

Retail debut. First day of sales doesn't match mania around iPhone launches, but numbers are 'quite robust'

There weren't any lineups around the block, but Canadians finally had a chance to get their hands on the new BlackBerry smartphone Tuesday as the device went on sale across the country.

The company behind the once-dominant phone joined with Rogers Communications to hold a media event in downtown Toronto, where a small number of customers who preordered the BlackBerry Z10 activated their devices in front of the cameras.

About 24 people showed up at the event, Rogers spokeswoman Michelle Kelly said.
But the fanfare around first

day of sales paled in comparison to Apple's iPhone launches, when sometimes hundreds of people wait outside stores to be among the first to own the latest model.

"Twelve years with the same company and I haven't switched," said Joseph Santos, a professed BlackBerry loyalist, who works as an IT manager in Toronto. "Being the head of an IT department, there was a lot of pressure to go to an Android phone. I kind of fought them off. This is my last stand here."

The BlackBerry launch comes after several delays left longtime fans either sticking with their older phones or switching to a competitor's

The new BlackBerry is expected to sell for around \$150 on a three-year contract. Koodo is selling it without a contract for \$550

Albert Lee, a spokesman for Bell, could not provide any pre-liminary sales statistics, but did say the number of pre-orders the company has seen for the Z10 "were higher than any other BB (BlackBerry) before."

"We're seeing intense interest today - sales are quite robust," Lee said in an email.

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Biggest customer base

U.S. debut set for next month

BlackBerry CEO Thorsten Heins, who was on hand for Tuesday's event at Rogers headquarters, said while he's disappointed the Black-Berry is not yet available in the U.S., its debut stateside next month will likely be helped by the earlier Canadian launch.

"Canada will be raving about the BlackBerry Z10 and consequently will influence the U.S. market," he said. Heins said the BlackBerry's launch into the U.S., the company's big-gest customer base by far, is coming later because of the extensive testing required by the U.S. carriers and the regulatory process. CANADIAN



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Resource boom is outpacing Canada's environmental safeguards, audit finds

Canada's aggressive pursuit of resource development is exposing the country to heightened environmental and financial risks that are not being properly handled by federal regulators, a new audit says.

In his final report to Parliament after five years on the job, Scott Vaughan - Canada's commissioner of the environment and sustainable development - said government is not keeping sufficient tabs on mining in the North, offshore drilling in the Atlantic and hydraulic fracturing in hundreds of thousands of

shale-gas wells sprouting up across the country.

Nor are regulators equipped to deal with major oil spills or an expected 300 per cent increase in tanker traffic off the West Coast, the report states. Coupled with previous re-

ports that question oversight of pipelines and the oilsands, 'you end up with a portrait where there are some serious questions about the federal capacity to safeguard Canada's environment," Vaughan said.

'We know that there's a boom in natural resources in this country. I think what

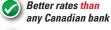
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Scott Vaughan, Canada's commissioner of the environment and sustainable development

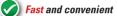
we need now, given the gaps, given the problems that we've found is a boom in environmental protection in this coun-

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Burger scandal

Irish PM gets on his high horse

Ireland's prime minister Enda Kenny says the latest finding of horsemeat in products labelled as Polish beef is harming Ireland's reputation as an exporter of high-quality meat products. Last month, DNA tests on dozens of beef burger brands found some contained horse as a substantial ingredient. Irish investigators claim to have pinned the problem on Polish offcuts imported to Ireland for use as filler in factorymade burger patties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

J.J. ABRAMS IS A **NEW HOPE FOR STAR WARS**



The world is a dream and the dreamer is a guy named J.J. Abrams.

If you want proof, just about everything you watch starts in

the head of J.J. Abrams. Here's just a partial list. On TV: Felicity, Alias, Lost, Fringe, Person of Interest and Revolution.

Movies: Super 8, Cloverfield, Mission Impossible, the reboot of the Star Trek franchise and now the reboot of the Star Wars franchise

Episode VII

J.J. Abrams is the Steven Spielberg AND the George Lucas of the second decade of the 21st century.

J.J. Abrams is the Steven Spielberg AND the George Lucas of the second decade of the 21st century. He's the guy who is personally responsible for keeping Luke Skywalker and Captain Kirk alive and vital.

And also keeping Hollywood alive and vital.

While other directors and producers have been over-

taken by a geriatric psychosis that causes them to produce the same Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone or Arnold Schwarzenegger movie over and over and over again to empty theatres, Abrams is busily luring the multichannel generation back into the multiplex with the consummate skills of a master showman. Not-your-father's Star Trek became relevant and sexy all over again under Abrams' direction and, not incidentally, grossed \$385 million worldwide.

Disney, which paid Lucas \$4 billion for the Star Wars franchise, is betting that the force remains strong with this one, and announced recently that Abrams will direct Star Wars: Episode VII, which finally picks up where Luke, Han Solo, Princess Leia and all the Wookies, Ewoks and Jedi Knights left it long, long ago and far, far away, before Lucas the evil revisionist

spoiled the whole thing with Jar Jar Binks.

If you don't think Jar Jar Binks was enough to bring down the franchise, you didn't read the reviews of his first appearance in Episode I: The Phantom Menace. One described Jar Jar as a "Rastafarian Stepin Fetchit on platform hoofs, crossed annoyingly with Butterfly McQueen."

It will be interesting to see if Jar Jar Binks survives to stumble again in Episode VII, which is scheduled to be released in 2015. Or thereabouts. Meanwhile, Abrams is keeping all those Mission Impossible and Star Trek balls in the air. Not everyone is happy that J.J. Abrams has been given the

keys to all their favourite franchises. The Twitterverse is buzzing: One tweeter alleges that J.J. Abrams's name is actually Jar Jar (for the record, it's Jeffrey Jacob) and another calls it "genre bogarting." But there is hope.

'As long as J.J. Abrams avoids Severe Blunt Force Trauma to the Head, these new Star Wars films will be WAY better than the last ones," says one fan who, you have to admit, has a way with 140 characters

Speaking of franchises, I wonder if J.J. Abrams has met J.K

The way the cookie crumbles



Impostor strikes again

Stolen cookie sculpture found on horse's neck

German police have recovered a cookie sculpture that may have been stolen by someone impersonating the Cookie Monster.

Police spokeswoman Iacobe Heers says the 20-kilogram gilded sculpture was found Tuesday morning outside the Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany.

It was hanging from the neck of a horse sculpture with a red ribbon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Open, Sesame

'Cookie Monster' demands donations

The century-old cookie was reported stolen last month from the office of a bakery company in Hannover.

A local newspaper later received a letter demanding cookies be delivered to children at a hospital. The paper also received a picture of someone dressed like Sesame Street's Cookie Monster holding what appeared to be the stolen cookie.

The Bahlsen company promised a reward of 52,000 packets of cookies for a charitable cause if their emblem turned up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bahlsen CEO Werner Michael Bahlsen appealed to the nists to return the stolen cookie logo on Jan. 30. Inset: A statue on the facade of the ulpture was stolen. CONTRI

Bahlsen already gives

Biscuit bandit still on the lam

No suspect has been apprehended.

"I have the cookie! And you want it," the ransom note reads. "You must give all the children milk chocolate cookies on one day in February — and not dark chocolate." It's signed "Cookie Monster."

A spokesperson for the children's hospital called the prank blackmail, adding that Bahlsen already does so much for the hospital and coercion is not necessary.

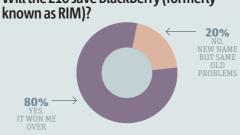
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@chrisdfleming:

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@Sharktanko5:

Costco food court area seems to be the place where married men go to eat fries and hot dogs. #cocoon #ottawa

@613tompierson:

Looking forward to catching "Metamorphoses" tomorrow night at the @CanadasNAC should be great! bit.ly/149Y5do #Ottawa #Arts

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Ceremony

Harvard honours Sutherland

Golden-Globe-winning actor Kiefer Sutherland has been named Man of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

Sutherland will be roasted and receive his ceremonial pudding pot at a ceremony scheduled for Friday. The 46-year-old Sutherland has been in dozens of films but is perhaps best known for his role as Jack Bauer in the television series 24, for which he won Golden Globe and Primetime Emmy awards. He is currently starring in the television show Touch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



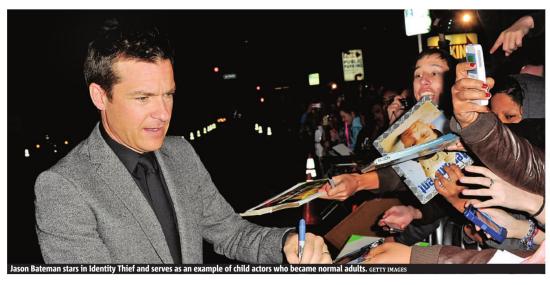
Showtime

Damon to play parody of himself

Matt Damon is becoming

a TV comedy regular. Showtime said Monday that Damon will guest star next week on House of Lies. He'll play what the channel called a "maniacal megastar" version of himself.

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Finding an adult Identity

Child actors. A look at those, including Jason Bateman of Identity Thief, who bucked the trend and became successful adult actors



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It's a pop culture cliché that all child actors grow up to become the subject of tragic tabloid stories. Sure, adult-hood was not kind to Gary Coleman or Jodie Sweetin (although she does earn a point or two for the title of her tell-all, unSweetined), but there are dozens of kid actors who grew up to have fulfilling careers in Hollywood.

"I don't know why people think child actresses in particular are screwed up."

Jodie FosterTalking about the perception of child actors.

Jason Bateman is one of the lucky ones who made the transition to adult roles with ease. At 12 he debuted as James Ingalls on Little House on the Prairie and, dozens of credits later, this weekend stars in Identity Thief opposite comedy it-girl Melissa Mc-

The longevity of his career is dwarfed by Jodie Foster, whose 47 years on screen have seen her do everything from Disney movies like Freaky Friday to playing an underage prostitute in Taxi Driver to winning Oscars for The Accused and The Silence of the Lambs

"I don't know why people think child actresses in particular are screwed up," she says. "I see kids everywhere who are totally bored. I've never been bored a day in my

Mickey Rooney's cameo appearance in The Muppets marked 10 decades of acting in movies. He was just a year-and-a-half old when he began performing in his parent's vaudeville act and made his first film just a few years later, playing Mickey McGuire in a series of short films. The audition breakdown requested a young boy with dark hair, so Mickey's mom rubbed burnt

cork to his scalp to colour his blonde hair.

Long before Elijah Wood donned huge hairy feet and went off in search of the magical ring in Lord of the Rings, he kept busy as a child actor in movies like Internal Affairs and Radio Flyer.

It's hard to top winning an Oscar at age 11, but Anna Paquin has gone on to distinguish herself in indie hits like The Squid and The Whale and on television in True Blood. And speaking of Oscars, one of this year's best actor nominees, Joaquin Phoenix, made his debut at age eight, appearing on an episode of Seven Brides For Seven Brothers with his brother River.

"There are kids who get on a BMX bike when they're eight and they go, 'Whoa, this is incredible' and grow up to do extreme sports," he said. "It's the same for me with acting.





METRO DISH



Bible study group newest Hollywood hotspot?

Apparently the hottest new young Hollywood hangout isn't a nightclub but a weekly bible study group — which Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens and 90210 star Matt Lanter have reportedly been attending, according to Us Weekly. Gomez has even

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brought ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber to the group, which meets monthly at a Beverly Hills hotel. "Justin's come in before and his mom, Pattie, is a regular," a source says. The group is reportedly organized by E! correspondent Jason Kennedy.

Wallis' puppy purses make a splash on red carpet



It's a very slow gossip day and honestly, if I have to write one more thing about the feud between Brandi Glanville and LeAnn Rimes, I'm going to pack up my things and move to Vermont where I will spend the rest of my days knitting and rais-ing cattle and never reading another Us Weekly ever again. Or raising Budweiser Clydesdales. Whichever.

So, today's column will be about something totally rad and worth highlighting: The awesomeness that is Oscar nominee Quvenzhané

Wallis owns 20 of the purses, designed by Poochie & Co., and they've been a mainstay on the red carpet for the nine-year-old actress. "That's my signature," she told Ellen DeGeneres about



rocking the accessory time and time again. And yes, expect to see one pop up (pup up?) at the Oscars. When asked by Jay Leno on The Tonight Show who she'll be taking to the awards ceremony, she held up her puppy purse and said, "This and my mom."

Cute, right? In Holly-wood, where we force our girls to grow up much too quickly, it's nice to see a little girl act like a little girl. And carry a mass-produced purse that looks like a little dog instead of, you know, Gucci. You go, Quvenzhané

Trump sues Maher for \$5 million

Donald Trump is suing Bill Maher for \$5 million over a charity wager, according to E! News. Maher reportedly agreed to donate that amount to charity if Trump could prove — by producing a birth certificate — that he was not the child of an orangutan. Maher made the offer during a visit to The Tonight Show after Trump infamously made a similar \$5 million charity donation offer to Barack Obama that



was widely criticized.



@ShiaLaBeouf how are you guys doing?





Pretending like I don't like 'Peter, Paul, & Mary' is exhaustina.



@Bitchuation

When there is a sign posted in a bar that says WE ID ALL GUESTS and they don't ID you, is that bad?



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Oh Jesus I just woke up did Beyonce win?



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You've been camping out in the library studying for weeks and the thought of writing one more assignment makes you want to hurl your Easy Mac 'n Cheese. Fear not! Spring break is right around the corner, and whether you long for the beach, slopes or partying like it's ... er, 2013, here's the top five hot spots crawling with students who, like you, are willing to sacrifice a few brain cells for a week of fun.

MAE BOWRING



Daytona Beach, Fla.

White sand beaches, warm weather and partying around the clock awaits students who want to let loose. The hotels cater to budget-conscious students so you can have a week of fun in the sun without dipping too much into your student loan. Good if: You want the classic spring break

Bad if: You want to feel rested when you get



Spring break spots

Mont Tremblant, Que.

If you daydream in philosophy class about carving through fresh powder, then make your way to this popular ski city. Busloads of students will be doing the same, making the nightlife in the village a can't-miss during spring break. Think you'll break your neck on the slopes? Try dogsledding

or tubing. **Good if:** You want to cuddle up with a ski

bunny at night.

Bad if: You underdress and get frostbite.



New Orleans

It's a gritty city that celebrates sin. February is Mardi Gras month and depending on when you arrive, the French Quarter will be bustling with parties so wild that you'll be repeating stories of that "amazing" spring break" well into your golden years. New Orleans is a safe city as long as you stick to the highly populated areas.

Good if: You're into voodoo.

Bad if: Parades and scantily clad women



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Montreal

Students looking for more of a cosmopolitan experience will find it in the historically rich and charming streets of Montreal. It may not be 30 C and sunny, but there's literally hundreds of restaurants to cosy up in with some comfort food when you're not busy exploring an art gallery or boutique.

Good if: You're underage because the legal drinking age is 18.

Bad if: You hate winter.

Cancun, Mexico

This list would lack credibility if it didn't include the sun and booze-soaked experience that is Cancun. The main strip has student-friendly hotels and the glorious weather makes lounging by the pool the obvious thing to do during the day. The exciting nightlife attracts people from all over North America and Cancun is safe for travellers. But like all party towns, it's wise to stay with your friends at all times. Good if: "Tequila" is your middle name. Bad if: You don't believe in cleanses, because your liver will need it.



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On the road ... the safe way



MOVE

Worrying about personal safety is not at the top of everyone's holiday planning checklist, but one incident can ruin your vacation. Here are a few suggestions to ensure you return home safe and sound.

The public and transient nature of a hotel makes it an

attractive place to commit petty crime, so be smart. If you are travelling alone, ask for a room close to the eleva-

Do not answer the door to an unexpected guest. If they claim to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to verify.

Use the Do Not Disturb sign if want strangers to think you are in-house. Ask if there is valet parking and use it.

Avoid large gatherings. Whether it is a celebration, rally or protest, pickpockets like to blend into a crowd as they search for unsuspecting tourists. If alcohol is involved and the mood gets heated, events with a mob-like mentality can escalate into a riot. Having your wallet lifted can quickly become the least of your problems.

Be wary of new friends. Without a doubt meeting people is one of the best parts of travelling, but not everyone has your best interests at heart. Keep conversations light and do not offer up any personal information, such as where you are staying or your cabin number.

Leave the bling at home. Valuable jewelry only serves to draw attention to yourself. If you absolutely need to bring that favourite ring or bracelet along, wear them only in appropriate settings

and otherwise leave them in the room. Most up-scale chain hotels now offer personal

safes in their guestrooms. Avoid hitting the road. Car accidents are the number one cause of overseas injuries for travellers. Consider taking public transit when you can. If you do need to drive, follow the rules of the road and avoid night driving. The laws and cultural norms around drinking and driving are different in countries outside of North America.

Speaking of alcohol, drink responsibly. Its fine to let your hair down on vacation, but being on holiday is not a license to be loud and obnoxious.



Where the ladies at? Try Bermuda

Island escape.

This small northern Caribbean destination is the perfect spot to leave the stress of home behind

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Sun, spa and shopping. The perfect girls getaway trifecta can be found on the island of Bermuda. Only 42 square kilometres in area, this northern Caribbean destination is a quick trip from Toronto but a long, long way from the routine of kids, work and making dinner.

Bermuda has two distinct precincts: Hamilton and St. George's. Hamilton offers up high street shopping and a wide selection of restaurants. The British influence is heavily felt throughout, including the micro Marks & Spencer store, a favourite for visitors and expats. The Fairmont Hamilton Princess is centrally located, and provides accommodation within three main lodge-style

buildings.

The two pools and hot tubs are perfectly situated for an expansive view of the Atlantic Ocean and the island itself. Poolside at the Fairmont Princess in Hamilton Bermuda is a relaxing way to unwind after touring the shops of its quaint downtown. A free ferry service is offered

to residents of the Fairmont Princess across to the Fairmont Southampton. Upon landing, the hotel's flagship restaurant, Ocean Club, has a menu that takes full advantage of the wide variety of seafood available, including the local specialty, rockfish. A trolley bus is at the ferry to meet passengers, who take a five-minute ride up the hill to the main building, home to the acclaimed Willowstream spa, a favourite for pampered

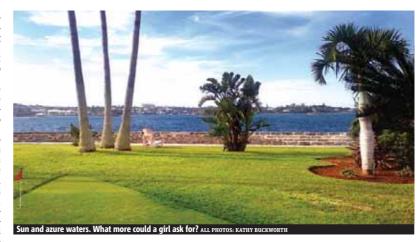
After a spa treatment, guests are welcome to slide into the outdoor hot tubs or take a swim in the indoor pool. Wait staff are more than happy to serve up nibbles and the cocktail of your choice, while you lounge in the sun and take in the vista.

Visiting the island during the Bermuda Triangle Challenge Race (run every January) brings a physical fitness element to an escape. The challenge includes the International Mile starting and finishing on the main street of Hamilton, the 10k run and walk the next dav. and a half marathon to complete the triangle.

Runners and walkers alike wind their way around the beautiful vistas and it isn't uncommon to see them stop to take pictures along the route.

On the other side of the island, the town of St. George's offers up authentic island goods in a small and easily walkable shopping district. "Random Acts of Knitting" can be found on light poles and palm trees, which add to the vibrant colours of the town, already populated with brightly painted buildings. Lunch at local favourite Wahoo's provides for a great taste of the island with a daily menu, but most often features rockfish, done in inventive sauces and styles. Segway tours are available, and the town hall is open to the public, and has a remnant from the past present, — the gallows that are still standing in the town square.

WestJet flies to St. Lucia from Toronto three times a week. For information on Fairmonts in Bermuda, visitfairmont.com/Bermuda



It's not just about the women; Bermuda is a fa-vourite of men as well, with its many golf courses and rum tastings. Gosling's Rum has been around since 1806, and offers tours to see how its famous Black Seal rum is made, and of course, tasted. This is an essential ingredient in the island's signature

drink, the "Dark and Stormy". Visit goslings-rums.com for more informa-

Turtle Hill Golf Club, conveniently located at the Fairmont Southampton, offers a challenging 18 par three hole course set amongst the natural beauty and changing

elevation of the island. Lessons are available for beginners, as well as bag storage and club rentals. For those wanting a longer game, visits to Port Royal, Riddell's Bay or Belmont Hills (all championship courses) can be organized by the hotel's Golf Concierge. fairmontgolf.com



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Salad that packs a protein punch without meat: Hearty Grain & Quinoa

ensure this unusual and refreshing salad has a main course level of protein.

- 1. Bring medium saucepan of water to a boil. Add edamame and corn. Reduce heat to medium; simmer 3 to 4 minutes. Drain; set aside to cool.
- Meanwhile. gently squeeze pouch all over to break the rice apart. Tear top corners of pouch about 1/2 inch (1 cm). Place pouch, upright, in the microwave and heat on high for 1 minute and 30 seconds. Let stand in

Caution: Pouch will be hot.

- 3. Carefully remove from microwave, holding sides. Pour into a bowl, stir and set aside to cool.
- 4. In small bowl, whisk together shallot, lemon juice, oil and pepper until combined.
- 5. Add edamame, corn, tomatoes and feta cheese to cooled rice mixture. Drizzle dressing over top; toss lightly to combine.

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Ingredients

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen edamame
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen corn
- 1 pkg (250 g) PC Blue Menu Whole Grain Brown Rice with Lentils and Quinoa Blend
- 1 shallot, minced
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) omega oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) drained and crumbled light feta cheese in



Tropical Peace Breeze Smoothie

Dreaming of warmer weather? Make this snack that features peaches, ginger and coconut water.

- 1 (14 oz/398 ml) can California Cling Peaches in fruit juices from concentrate
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) coconut water or plain or vanilla almond
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Greek vanilla, honey or peach yogurt, preferably 0%
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ginger
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) nutmea
- Honey or agave syrup

Drain peaches, reserving 2 tbsp (30 ml) juice. Place peaches, reserved peach juice, coconut water or almond milk. vogurt, vanilla, ginger and nutmeg in a blender. Blend smooth. If you wish, sweeten with honey or agave syrup. NEWS CANADA/ CAL-CLINGPEACH.CA



Fiesta starter: Mexican Party Potato Salad

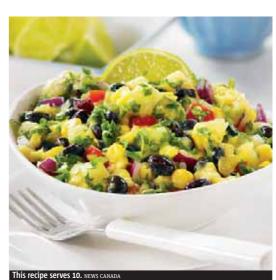
Canned-cream-style gives this potato salad a delectable creaminess, with-

out the usual mayo. For added flavour, top with your choice of shredded

This salad can be made and refrigerated one day ahead. It's perfect for pot-

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- 3 lb (1.5 kg) Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed and cut in 3/4 (2 cm) cubes
- 1 can (540 ml) black beans. drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced red
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) diced
- sweet red pepper • 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely
- chopped green onion
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) chopped
- fresh coriander • 1 can (398 ml) cream-style
- Quarter jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) fresh lime juice



lucks and parties.

1. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over medium-high heat. Add potatoes; once water re-turns to boil, reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for about 10 minutes or until tender. Drain; transfer to baking sheet to cool completely.

- **2.** Meanwhile, in extra large bowl combine black beans, red onion, red pepper, green onion, coriander, corn, jalapeno (if using), lime juice and salt.
- **3.** Add cooled potatoes; toss to combine. NEWS CANADA/ PC.CA

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Seeing the forest for the fables. Dispelling myths about an evolving field



Let's face it: the forest products sector hasn't always had the best image. After all, it's difficult to think of cutting down

trees as a good thing.

But while this industry could have just continued managing its bad reputation, it has instead decided to do something major about it. Last spring, the Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) unveiled Vision 2020, a new industry-led vision that outlines where the forest industry sees itself by the year 2020 — powering Canada's new economy by being green, innovative and open to the

"The industry has changed dramatically — we have gone through some really tough times, but we are shaping a new path for our future that is extremely appealing," says Catherine Cobden, Executive Vice President of FPAC.

"We have to get over the old images of the industry.

Myth: cutting down trees to make wood products is destroying our forests

Reality: forest products companies today are committed to harvesting legally, regenerat-ing harvested trees promptly, reducing waste and recycling, and welcoming independent scrutiny. Less than one per cent of Canada's total forest area is harvested each year, and about 650 million seedlings are plant-

Myth: The forest industry only has jobs for uneducated, unskilled workers

- Reality: These days, working in the forest industry involves more brains than brawn
- "Gone are the days of the lumberjacks throwing logs around or working in the wood room feed ing wood into a mill," says Jim Farrell, Executive Director of the Forest Products Sector Council (FPSC).
- "People work in airconditioned booths with computer screens and joysticks to operate high-end technology, so it's important for them to understand how this stuff actually works."

ed annually to ensure regenera-

"The Canadian forest industry has more third-party certi-fied land than anywhere else in the world by a massive margin," Cobden says. "We've fully embraced this approach of following the highest standards of sustainable forest management

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It's a wild, wild world

The tree of life. In this time of employment uncertainty, only you can prevent a forest industry labour shortage

CASSANDRA JOWETT

If you don't know much about the forest products industry and its career opportunities, no one could blame you.
It's a sector that has flown

under the radar for much of the last decade, losing as many as 70,000 jobs in the wake of a stronger Canadian dollar, changes in the global economy, the increasing prevalence of digital media, and the U.S. housing market collapse and subsequent recession in 2008.

More recently, however, it seems as though the indus-

try's fortunes are changing.
There is increased global demand for traditional Canadian wood and paper products, and the innovative new technologies being developed here are capturing the attention of people around the world.

The only thing holding it back now, though, is a looming talent shortage.

Why the forest products industry needs you According to a report re-

leased by the Forest Products Sector Council (FPSC) in 2011, it is estimated that more than one third of the industry's aging workforce — about 50,000 people will leave within the next 10

"It's hard to imagine that we're facing labour challenges after shedding so many jobs," says Jim Farrell. Executive Director of the FPSC, but the industry's long-standing public perception and image



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The number of young people working in the sector is at a historical low compared to the overall workforce, so it may need to hire as many as 120,000 people by the year 2020.

problems, coupled with its current demographics, mean there just aren't enough people to replace all of the baby boomers who are slated

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the year 2020.

About one third of forest products employers say they are already making significant efforts to target youth for recruitment into the sector, with many more sure to

Beyond lumber, pulp and paper

Canada's forest products sector is carving a new path for itself that goes far beyond the traditional industry staples of lumber and paper. "There's more effort be-

ing made by companies as well as government to ac-celerate transformation in the industry," Farrell says. "We currently have eight research networks with 27 universities across the country.

developing products such as antibiotics and phar-maceuticals, biofuels and bioplastics, glues, enzymes and paints, artificial flavours and fertilizers — all derived from Canadian wood, which is a completely renewable resource.

"This is the kind of thinking that, within 10 years, could put Canada's forest products industry in a fundamentally different place than it was before," Jim says.

"We're going to need a whole bunch of smart, educated people to enter the in-

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'A woman, Métis and a bioengineer

She's a natural.

Baillie Redfern is learning to plant the seed of health in her community and beyond

DANIELLE LORENZ

When someone thinks of the forest they're often limited to only think about the trees and the animals that live there. Baillie Redfern, a MSc student of the University of British Columbia's Genome Science and Technology program on the other hand, sees medicines.

Having grown up as a member of the Painted Feather Woodland Métis Tribe in Ontario, Redfern discusses her education and how it relates to the forest products industry:

Can you tell me a little bit about what you've been studying?

I work in the field of medicinal plant genomics — specifically I work on bioproducts from balsam fir.



Coniferous trees are a rich source of metabolites that can be used to make higher value bio-products. To address the significant market demand, there is a large scientific interest in the identification of the genes and

enzymes for the production of natural products with cost

effective technologies.
Prior to attending UBC, I was studying biopharmaceutical science at The University of Ottawa. While studying in Ottawa I had the

opportunity to work with The Cree of Eeyou Istchee (CEI), a James Bay subpopulation of the Cree Nation, which is Canada's largest Aboriginal group. The CEI possess a wealth of traditional ethnobotanical knowledge and continue to use medicinal plants today. I worked collaboratively with the elders and Cree Health Board to investigate traditional plants to treat diabetes.

It is estimated that 20 per cent of the Aboriginal population lives with diabetes and the prevalence of Type 2 diabetes is three to five times the national average. My research focused on the safety and efficacy of trad-itional medicines for treating symptoms associated with diabetes.

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Baillie Redfern

MSc student of the University of British Columbia's Genome Science and Technology program

Do you feel that there is a connection to your academic work and your identity as a Métis?

Yes. However, there is not a direct connection. For example, I am not investigating which trees make the best fiddles. Rather, I am defining what it means to be Métis to myself, my family, my community and the non-Aboriginal population by participating in an untraditional field of research.

I want to show everyone that Métis culture is not dead, static or stereotypical. The Métis Peoples are diverse, strong and proud, with a history and a future. I am a woman, Métis and a bioengineer.

What makes the forest products industry so appealing for you?

Medicinal plants have been used for centuries as remedies for human diseases because they contain phytochemical components of therapeutic value. They have been used by humans

for their beneficial role in the pharmaceutical and food industries and can be found as the active principal component in many nat-ural health products. Plants represent a great source of novel leads for product development, which is why I think it is important to investigate these chemical sources and understand the relationship different cultures possess with specific plants.

Where do you see yourself going after you complete your degree?

My goal is to open a health and wellness centre, which integrates modern medicine with traditional indigen-ous medicines. The current heath-care infrastructure views modern-western practitioners, traditional healers and naturopathic doctors in opposition of one another, when in fact they all strive to bring better health to the population. Currently, there's a deficit in the health care system, it devalues the importance of diversity of

medicinal knowledge. I want to develop a health centre that will be the standard for health services in the 21st century. The health centre will be a place where all people can get modern medical services, with informed access to traditional medicines while experiencing a culturally respectful environment.

And finally, I have to ask, what species of tree is your favourite, and why?

The sugar maple tree, because it's where my dad attached the old tire swing above the river.

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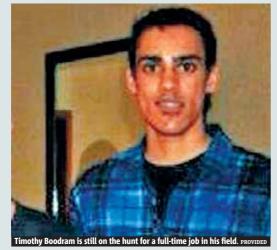
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I am a recent graduate who is finding the transition to work difficult. I have been applying for work for almost a year now and have had little luck. I've been interviewed twice, but haven't been able to land the job. For one job, I had made it through three rounds of interviews over the span of a month and a half, but they said they were looking for someone with more direct experience in a certain role. I think my age was a big factor.

In the meantime, I've been trying to keep busy by coding websites, but nothing paid.

What I'm doing now

I'm keeping busy doing some personal work to strengthen my portfolio and I've been



waking up every morning and scouring the Internet for possible job openings.

I've been considering new career options since I have been an unemployed graduate for almost a year. I've also applied to grad school in September as a backup.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

Employers in the area of web design/programming really need to focus on making

more accurate job listings.

I found several listings that are advertised as being "new graduate" positions. However, they often list qualifications that no new graduate could possibly possess.

Often I see posts requiring knowledge of 10 plus programming languages and five plus years of experience. From speaking with employers, they often say they do this to receive confident applicants only. From speaking with students and graduates,

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"From speaking with students and graduates, it's very intimidating and discouraging for us because we all feel very unqualified."

Timothy Boodram

it's very intimidating and discouraging for us because we all feel very unqualified.

New graduate positions need to cater to new graduates. Offer us a position where we can help, and provide a way for us to learn on the job.

My advice for other students and recent graduates

The majority of employed graduates from my graduating year got their job through someone they know. It's all about who you know, and less about what you know (although this is still important to KEEP that job). Network, network,

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The Swede strikes first vs. Sabres

The Senators' Erik Karlsson celebrates with teammates after scoring in the first period of last night's game against the Buffalo Sabres at Scotiabank Place. For the final score and full details, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Ravens salute fans at homecoming

Super Bowl champs.Purple mob floods city for first time since 2001

Baltimore celebrated with its Super Bowl champion Ravens on Tuesday, with thousands of fans in purple lining the streets and packing the team's stadium for a celebration.

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Fans filled the square in front of City Hall and cheered when the team arrived and when players held the silver Lombardi trophy aloft. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management estimated that 200,000 people took part in the celebration.

Coach John Harbaugh thanked the fans for their sup-

Blackout

Concerned the Superdome might not be able to handle the energy needed, officials spent hundreds of thousands of dollars just months before the Super Bowl on upgrades to decayed utility lines, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press. The cause of the outage is still unknown.

port, and safety Ed Reed sang the melody of Eddie Money's Two Tickets to Paradise. Retiring middle linebacker Ray Lewis, the only current player to have started with the team when it came to the city from Cleveland in 1996, told fans the team had fulfilled a promise to go to New Orleans and win.

"The city of Baltimore — I love you for ever and ever and ever and ever," Lewis told fans in front of City Hall.

When the team arrived at the stadium, they treated fans to a thank-you celebration that lasted just over half an hour. Lewis emerged from a tunnel onto the field, handed off the Lombardi trophy and did his signature dance, The Squirrel. He thanked fans for their love of the team and said he wanted to win the Super Bowl to repay Baltimore for everything it's done for him.

Joe Flacco, the Super Bowl's most valuable player, also addressed fans. "Baltimore, we did it. Super Bowl champs, baby." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Linebacker Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens dances as he and teammates celebrate during their Super Bowl XLVII victory parade in Baltimore, Maryland.



2014 Sochi Games a great source of pride for Putin

Countdown to Olympics. President using event to showcase a prosperous Russia

One year before Russia hosts its first Winter Olympics, this Black Sea resort is a vast construction site sprawling for nearly 40 kilometres along the coast and 50 kilometres up into the mountains. After arriving at Sochi's new airport, there's no escape from the clang and clatter of the drilling, jackhammering and mixing of cement that drowns out the hum of the sea and the birdsong.

For Russia and its leadership, the 2014 Sochi Games is not just a major sports event but a point of national pride. President Vladimir Putin has made the Olympics his personal project and, determined to use them to showcase a powerful and prosperous Russia, has spared no expense to make sure the games are a success.

On Thursday, Putin will be



in Sochi to preside over a lavish celebration marking the one-year countdown to the opening ceremony on Feb. 7,

"The project is under his permanent control and we enjoy the full government Sochi organizing committee head Dmitry Chernyshenko said. "This really is his games because he recognizes the power of these games, the greatest-ever catalyst to accelerate positive change.

The current overall price tag for the games is \$51 billion, more than four times as much as Russia estimated when it was awarded the Olympics in 2007. This would make Sochi the most expensive Olympics in history, surpassing the \$40 billion that China is believed to have splashed out for the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing. For Sochi, at least half the money is coming from state coffers, with most of the rest being put forward by state-controlled companies and Russian

The costs are high because they include extensive infrastructure development in addition to construction of the Olympic venues, almost all of which had to be built from scratch. Most of the sports venues have already been completed or will be in the next few months, while armies of workers are busy building hotels and additional Olympic facilities, including two of the three athletes' villages and the media centre.

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Kershaw poised to win medal

After a near-miss in 2010, Devon Kershaw is poised to reach the Olympic podium in Sochi. He was fifth in the men's classical 50-kilometre race in Vancouver, finishing just 1.6 seconds behind gold medallist Petter Northug of Norway. Kershaw, a twotime Olympian from Sudbury, Ont., finished second overall on the World Cup circuit last year and was fourth at the 2012 Tour de Ski. the canadian press



Tennis. Raonic ready to continue his rise in 2013

Milos Raonic is one of the biggest young stars on the ATP Tour and he's riding high after anchoring Canada's recent upset win over Spain in Davis Cup play.

The future is bright for the

22-year-old right-hander from Thornhill, Ont., who currently sits at a career-high No. 13 in the world rankings. His next mission is to take the necessary steps to continue his steady growth on the ATP

It won't be easy to crack that upper echelon, where the sport's elite players are rooted. The top level is filled with battle-tested veterans who are loaded with experience and seem to be a halfstep ahead of the rest.

Raonic appears well-pos-itioned to get there down the road — it seems to be just a

matter of when.
"I think I'm capable of a lot of things," Raonic said Tuesday of the season ahead. "I've set my goal to make London at the year-end (championship). That would probably put me in the top eight. So all these kind of things I look forward to.

"I've just got to work one match at a time and try to keep getting better throughout the year.

Raonic is known for his booming serve and power game. But he has worked



hard over the last few years to improve his return skills and net play.

It was a more well-rounded Raonic that clinched an upset win for Canada last weekend.

In the deciding match, Raonic kept Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez on his heels and was able to dictate the pace of play. Raonic still relied on his heavy serve, but also worked his opponent around the court and was aggressive with his vollevs.

The straight-set victory at the University of British Columbia put Canada through to the Davis Cup World Group quarter-finals for the first time. The CANADIAN PRESS

Skiing

Crash spells end of Vonn's season

The U.S. Ski Team says Lindsey Vonn has torn the ACL and MCL in her right knee and also has a broken bone after a horrific crash Tuesday at the world championships.

The team says Vonn will undergo surgery and will miss the rest of this season but is expected to return in time for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Vonn lost balance on her right leg while landing a jump, flipped over in the air and landed on her backside as she smashed through a gate before coming to a halt.

The four-time overall World Cup winner and 2010 Olympic downhill champion received medical treatment on the slope for 12 minutes before being taken by helicopter to a hospital in Schladming. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Portland	25	23	.521	121/2
L.A. Lakers	22	26	.458	151/2
Dallas	20	28	.417	171/2
Minnesota	18	27	.400	18
Sacramento	17	33	.340	211/2
Phoenix	16	32	.333	211/2
New Orleans		33		221/2

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The 2013 Mini Paceman



By comparison



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Fuel economy

The little hatchback's fuel-consumption estimate of 7.4 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 on the highway (for the base 1.6) is impressive. Note that all Paceman engines require more expensive premium fuel that offsets some of the perceived efficiency.



2012 Mini Paceman

- Type. Two-door, front-, AWDcompact hatchback
- Engine (hp). 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (121); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (181-218)
- Transmission. Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- Base price (incl. destination).

Engine

Under the hood it's a case of if you've seen one Mini you've seen them all as the available engines are offered in all seven Mini body styles. The base Cooper's 1.6-litre four-cylinder makes 121 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, while the optional turbo-charged 1.6 in the Cooper S ups those numbers to 181/177.

Design

The tough-dude front end design of the Paceman includes a grille that makes the vehicle look as though it's frowning at the world, but it surely gives it character. Other distinctive characteristics encompass teardrop-shaped tail lights and rear fenders bulge out slightly from the quarter panels

Review. Somehow Mini found yet another niche

MALCOLM GUNN Wheelbase Media

They might all, literally, be Mini, but BMW's Britain-based division is expanding in a big way. The latest edition is

the Paceman, which is a twodoor hatchback (based on the Countryman four-door model) that arrives this spring.

Where the Countryman appears as a conservatively styled wagon, the Paceman's sportier looks hint at its more playful nature around town, on the open road, or over rougher terrain with its available all-wheel-drive. You would think the Paceman's sloping roofline

and liftgate would adversely affect stowage space.

Surprisingly, that's not the case, with the Paceman surrendering only about six per cent volume with the rear seats in place and about eight per cent when they're folded flat.

The interior includes four adjustable bucket seats — also adapted from the Countryman — that are especially attractive. Of course the Mini's sig-

nature round dash gauges are very much in evidence, although not quite as in-your-face as those installed in the basic Mini Cooper or Mini Clubman. Rumour has it the next-generation Mini will adopt a more conventional layout, which would likely be a

step in the right direction.

What is decidedly non-conventional is the Paceman's illuminated centre-rail floor con-

sole to which you can attach a cellphone base, cup holders, sunglasses case and other accessories. And it also comes equipped with the usual gadgets and extras.

The Paceman's unique mix of sporty style and practicality, with an available side order of rough-road ruggedness, makes it perhaps the best reason yet to consider parking a Mini in your driveway.

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Parts Department

Whether it's a birthday gift for a friend or loved one or just something for yourself, here are some ideas for unique automotive-inspired presents.

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Lego 4x4 takes shape

Most kids actually have more fun building their toys than playing with the finished product. That has been the secret to Lego's success for nearly 100 years and that's why kids of all ages will enjoy building the 4x4 Crawler. The motorized kit, one of Lego's two-in-one Technic products, includes an infrared remote control and receiver that both steers and directs power to all four of its big knobby off-road-style wheels. And of course being a Lego product, you can configure the Crawler to suit your imagination. It sells for \$200 and you can view the entire Technic series and order at shop.lego.com.

The need for speed

A must-see event for anyone interested in auto-racing history is the Goodwood Festival of Speed held on July 11 to 14 at the Earl of March's 4,800-hectare estate in Sussex, England. This year marks Goodwood's 20th anniversary and will showcase "the biggest, best, fastest, loudest and most outrageous vehicles of all time". You can see classic racing cars from the early 20th century right up to the present day take on the mile-long course, occasionally piloted by the actual drivers that made the cars famous. You'll also have unfettered access to the pits, where you can

rub shoulders with some of the greats. A four-day pass sells for about \$200 at goodwood. co.uk/festival-of-speed/wel-come.aspx.



Tools to go

Auto mechanics and those who enjoy wrenching on their own vehicles usually have big, heavy tool chests in their garages. However they tend not to be very portable if you need to transport your tools somewhere else. The Beta C41H Tool Trolley just might help out. The steel-and-



plastic rolling storage unit weighs 21 kilograms empty and is 91 centimetres tall by 53 centimetres tall by 53 centimetres wide and 25 centimetres deep. The top portion can also be detached from the base and used as a hand-carried box. Visit: pegasusautoracing.com to order one.

Blow up jack

Getting a flat tire or being stuck up to the axles in mud

or snow isn't any fun, especially if you're in the middle of nowhere. Usually, the ground isn't stable enough for a regular jack to support the weight of a vehicle, and that's where the Bushranger X-Jack comes in handy. The product is essentially a heavy-duty rubber blow-up bag that you place beneath your vehicle between the front and rear wheels to create up to 90 centimetres of ground clearance, which is enough for you to install a spare tire. The 2,000-kilogram-lift-capacity X-Jack can be inflated by hooking it up to the exhaust pipe or with a portable compressor. The Bushranger X-Jack sells for about \$250 US from arbusa.com.

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A gadget-enhanced driving experience



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It's a time-honoured tradition: improving and personalizing your vehicle through gadgets.

The tradition was founded, one could argue, with the Ford Model T.

"A Ford was born naked as a baby, and a flourishing industry grew up out of correcting its rare deficiencies and combating its fascinating diseases," wrote E.B. White of the Model T, in his famous essay, Farewell My Lovely, first published in the May 16, 1936 edition of The New Yorker.

He began his essay by lamenting the new Sears Roebuck catalogue, which by that point only had one page devoted to Model T accessories and parts. This was in contrast to the "spring times when the Ford gadget section was larger than men's clothing, almost as large as household furnishings."

Of course, back in those days, a Model T gadget could be something like a rear view mirror, a foot accelerator to replace the standard hand accelerator, or a tire patch kit. According to White, every Model T owner back then "was capable of putting on a patch, expected to, and did have to."

Now we're expected to be drinking coffee and responding to text messages while driving. In fact, Fiat's European

In fact, Fiat's European division has come up with the world's first in-car espresso maker. Fiat 500L buyers in Europe can order this maker directly from Fiat. It slides into the centre console and makes nice, hot espresso

whenever you want, as long as the 500L is in park. It doesn't look like we'll get it in North America. We still don't get a lot of the interesting and sporting vehicle and power-train options the Europeans get — now we have to add portable espresso machines to the off-limits list. Damn you old world power.

The Yada Digital Baby Camera/Mo

But just as well, as there are lots of other new gadgets that need our attention.

I recently attended Canadian Tire's press event, highlighting some of its new automotive products for the upcoming spring season. A lot of car cleaning and man-cave garage type stuff. A lot of electronic stuff.

My favourite garage/tool item is the Mastercraft Pitcart
— a huge toolbox on wheels worthy of a NASCAR team.

But nothing says gadget like an electronic gadget. Electronic gadgets that further connectivity, safety, navigation, entertainment, etc., are exploding in number these days.

Mandi Paquin-Johnson, Canadian Tire's car category buyer, told us that the Yada Digital Baby Camera/Monitor is one of the bigger electronic gadget hits over the last year. The monitor mounts on the front dash, so you never have to swivel your head to see how junior's doing in the backseat. "Everyone who's tried one loves it," says Paquin-Johnson.

Because the electronic industry moves faster than the automotive industry, I don't think there will ever be a shortage of such new gadgets that people will want to incorporate into their driving experiences. This should ensure that the gadget tradition would continue to thrive, even though cars no longer come from the factory, as the Model T once did, "naked as a baby."



The payments for 90 days (payment deterral) offer is available on all new 2013 Honda models financed between February 18th, 2013 and February 28th, 2013 at participating Ontario Honda Dealers. Offer applies only to purchase finance offers on approved credit through Honda Francial Services Inc. Monthly payments are deferred for 90 days. Contracts will be extended accordingly, interest dartes changes will not accrue during the first 60 days of the contract. After 60 days, interest starts to accrue and the purchaser will be required to repay the principal and interest monthly over the term of the contract, but not until 90 days after the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to date of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to date of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and is subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and subject to days of the contract date. Offer ends February 28th, 2013 and 500 and 2014 and 2014

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Taurus' safety and comfort shine

Second Gear. 2008-2009 Ford Taurus

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Primarily challenging the Chrysler 300 for American sedan sales, Ford resurrected the 'Taurus' name on a refreshed version of a large sedan they'd formerly marketed as the 'Five Hundred'. The newly-named Taurus then existed for two model years, before being updated to the new-generation Taurus that's on sale today.

The original new Taurus packed plenty of room for five, a generous helping of luxury, standard six-cylinder power and available all-wheel drive (AWD). Look for SEL and Limited models, representing nicely-loaded and fully-loaded models, respectively. Feature content included heated leather, a sunroof, navigation, premium audio, automatic climate control, remote access, power seats and more.

Common Issues

Check for proper operation of the climate control system, switching it between various settings and listening for a ticking or thumping noise from behind the dashboard. Numerous owners have reported issues with actuators that operate ducts within the climate control system, so be sure it operates as expected.

Ensure the transmission in the vehicle you're considering shifts cleanly, smoothly and with no slippage or hesitation. Some owners have reported transmission issues, and it's unclear if they're mechanical or electronic in nature. If the gearbox in the unit you're considering doesn't operate as expected, have the vehicle checked out by a Ford mechanic or move to another model.

Have the underside of the Taurus you're considering checked out for signs of leakage—with specific attention paid to the transmission and rear differential, if equipped with AWD. Finally, if you note a 'binding' sensation while steering, or uneven steering assist, a faulty steering rack or pump may be to blame.



PHOTO:HANDOUT

Engine

All models got a 3.5 litre V6 with 263 horsepower, a six-speed automatic transmission and standard frontwheel drive. All Wheel Drive (AWD) was available.

What owners like

Size, comfort, driving position, trunk space, assembly quality and ride quality were all highly rated by owners. Many report a safe, secure and planted driving feel as well

What owners dislike

Common complaints include an isolated, 'floaty' ride, lack of steering feel, and a large turning circle.

Verdict

A well-maintained Ford Taurus will likely provide affordable access to a luxurious, comfortable driving experience—though a full check by a certified Ford mechanic should be considered mandatory.



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Fight fraud when buying a used car. Follow these eight tips to help beat curbsiders

As with any major purchase, you need to do your due diligence when buying a used car.

Here are eight important tips to avoid scams and to make sure the vehicle is right for you:

1. Ask yourself is this too good to be true?

Always question a deal that seems too good to be true.

2. Beware of certain sellers Be wary of dealing with a private seller who has númerous cars listed at the same time. They could be a curbsider - an unlicensed individual, dealer or retailer who buys up vehicles and instead of registering them under their own name, posts the same vehicles for sale with a mark-up. The curbsider might hide major issues or turn back the odometer in order to make a quick, profitable sale.

3. Meeting face-to-face is a

Don't do business with a seller who won't meet faceto-face. Be on your guard if they'll only talk with you by phone or email.

4. Ensure appropriate paper-work is present and correct

Purchase a CarProof vehicle history report for a detailed Canadian and U.S. history of the vehicle along with registration details and lien information. The CarProof report will also contain branding and odometer details and tell you if the vehicle is actively reported as stolen.

5. Double check your details

Ask the seller for proof of identity and check that the seller's name and address matches up with the information on the actual vehicle registration form. Verify the vehicle identification number (VIN), the car's details and the colour of the car with the registration form, insurance slips and with the CarProof report. One way curbsiders commit used

vehicle fraud is by falsifying these details.

6. Do a pre-purchase inspection at a location of your

Take the vehicle for a prepurchase inspection to a place of your choosing. If the seller insists on using one specific facility, this could be a red flag. Many curbsiders team up with someone who will look the other way when doing inspections or misrepresent the vehicle's current condition.

7. No cash before

Don't before you get the vehicle and be wary if the seller demands cash only. If the seller requests a third-party escrow service, investigate the service to make sure it's legitimate and secure, as many online escrow sites are fraudu-

Don't let vourself be rushed into a decision to buy the

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8. Fools rush in, so don't

to ask questions and make

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more than 200 million litres of fuel into their vehicles every day, and drive a combined 325 billion kilometres each year.

But compared to 20 years ago, smog-forming emissions have dropped by 90 per cent, primarily due to more efficient vehicles and cleaner

fuels.
"Fuels have much less sulphur in them today," says Peter Boag, president of the Canadian Fuels Association.

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Peter Boag, president of Canadian Fuel Association

years, thus affecting price.

Fuel for thought: the sulphur levels debate

Driving Force. Cleaner gas means more steps during the refining process, which can get costly. Is it worth it?

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"This has an impact on the effectiveness and efficiency of the vehicle's emissions control systems.

Sulphur is a chemical that's found naturally in crude petroleum.

Before it's refined, crude contains some 15,000 to 18,000 parts per million (ppm) of sulphur. In the past, gasoline could still

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content, at 350 ppm, was one of the highest worldwide.

Starting in 2003, government regulations reduced the allowable amount to 150 ppm, with a second phase two years later further reducing it to 30 ppm.

"Today, gasoline has only three ppm on average of sulphur," Boag says. "And prior to 2007,

the standard for diesel

> ppm, it's n o w at 15 at ppm. That's for ondiesel, off-road, rail, and marine.

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diesel now produced is what we ultralow-sulphur diesel,

ULSD. "When you look at the growth heavy-duty vehicle s e g m e n t last 15 to years,

- Billion dollar improvements. From 2002 to 2010. Canada's refining industry spent approximately \$5 billion in upgrades to achieve reduced sulphur levels.
- A brief history. Gasoline also used to contain lead. which was originally added to fuel in the 1920s to improve engine performance. Leaded gas was phased out starting in the 1970s, primarily because it wasn't compatible with new emissions control equipment on cars, and was banned in Canada in 1990.

an important part of emissions performance. ULSD has enabled new particulate filters that eliminate particulate matter, which is the visible pollutant (in diesel exhaust)," Boag says.

Removing sulphur from gasoline doesn't affect engine performance and is strictly about the vehicle's treatment systems.

But while low-sulphur fuels may seem like a win-win, they aren't without their challenges. It's expensive to take sulphur out of crude during refining, which raises the price of production.

It also requires more steps, which requires more energy. While there was a net improvement in air quality linked to the removal of sulphur in fuels, there was also a rise in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at the refineries from the extra energy required to remove it.





On how much fuel has changed over the



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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You have been extremely active mentally of late and your mind could probably use a rest. Try to treat yourself more gently over the next 24 hours. Even an Aries needs a break once in a

Taurus April 21 - May 21

The most important thing now is that you don't change your aims unless you are certain it's the right thing to do. It is better to finish what you started, even if your passion for it is not what it once was.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

Mercury, your ruler, joins forces with Neptune, planet of imagination, so you are sure to come up with some ideas. Whether they can do something for you remains to be seen. Never stop thinking.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

Watch what you say today because you don't want to let slip information that others have no right to know — and which they can use against you. Be wary of people who try to talk to you about personal matters.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Your judgment could be a bit off target today, so be careful if someone approaches you with a plan to make money. It could be they are genuine but unless you are sure it might be wise to give it a miss.

M Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Even if you are the sort of Virgo who is good at disguising feelings, you will still be a bit emotional today. Remember, it's not that others have upset you which matters but how you choose to react.

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you act on impulse today, you could make a serious mistake. Then you will have to take foolish risks to try to cover up that mistake and before you know it, everything will be falling apart. Don't do it!

M Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will get plenty of advice from well-meaning people today, but deep down you already know what needs to be done. Stop wasting time discussing the issue and start doing the things that will change your life.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Some things are important and some things are not. Do you know which is which? No matter how much your career means to you, it is your home life you need to focus on over the next few days.

17 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will be rather controversial in some of the things you say over the next 24 hours, so don't be surprised if people get upset. Be that as it may, you have a duty to tell the truth as you see it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be having second thoughts about a project of some kind but if you pull out now you could lose a lot of money. Can you afford it? Also, can you afford what it might do to your reputation?

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Neptune, your ruling planet, is strong in your chart today, which means you know exactly what needs to be done. But do you have the courage to do it? If you do you will make rapid progress. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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- 17. Designer Ms. Wang
- __ fever (Ailed)
- mascot: 2 wds.

- 31. Dotted-line endorse
- 33. Gumbo ingredient

- 69. Allied beachhead site in Italy

- Jill)

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Down

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- 16. Utilize a crane

- 20. Mick E. Moose is this team's
- 24. Carnivore's craving
- Haw" 28. "
- 29. Jazz singer Ms. Fitzgerald

- 40. "Woodstock" gr.
- spin-off
- 45. Ginger cookie
- 47. Consequently
- 55. 'Ranch' suffix
- 57. Air freshener brand

- 66. Jai __ (Court game)
- 67. Nons opposites
- in WWII
- 73. 'Henn' ender (Canadian actress

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- 1. Dot-__ (Web businesses)

- 37. Foodie

- 51. Angel 53. Mr. Clapton
- 56. Director Mr. Lee
- 61. New Brunswick, e.g.: 2 wds.
- 64. Paul McCartney song: "
- Was Lonely"
- 70. Confined

- 5. Pelletier's skating partner
- 14. Take __ the waist, as altera-
- 15. Do needlework

- 19. Smallest litter puppies
- 23. Maple Leafs great Mr. Clark
- 25. Energy unit
- 35. Long times
- 38. Australian rock group
- 42. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

- 59. Toronto's Phillips Square

- 71. One being taken advantage of 72. Country singer Ms. Rimes
- 1. Caesar's 104
- 4. "__ by Me" (1986)
 5. Dubstep artist whose real name is Sonny Moore

3. Seafarer

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- 6. Take _ __ (Rest) 7. Offensive __ (Football position)
- 8. Story, in a house, in French 9. 20th Prime Minister, Jean _
- 10. August: French 11. Canadian actor Gordon
- 12. After-Q queue 13. "__ Too Late" by Carole King
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- 30. Sports defeat 32. Music legend Marvin

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- 34. Verdi opera 36. Incision leftover
- 39. Bonaparte 41. Michael J. Fox series: 2 wds.

42. Cape Town's home [acronym]

- 43. She-chicken 44. Wedding dress material 46. Sugarland singer Jennifer 48. Find new lodgings for
- 49. Some sauces 50. Suffix with 'Ball'

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- 52. Mount __ (Sacred mountain
- in China) 54. Pen part
- 58. Severus __ ('Harry Potter' books character) 60. Freshwater fish
- 62. Identical 63. 'Christ' suffix (Some religious
- people) 64. Seasickness, de mer
- 65. Suffix with 'Meth' 68. Fixed



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